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Serbian forces, as witnessed by international television, have extensively utilized helicopters in their assaults around Sarajevo. We have been informed that United Nations forces have also witnessed the blatant and "militarily significant" violation of the United Nations-mandated no-fly zone.

The failure of the internationally mandated forces to confront these increasing violations has the effect of undermining the defense of our cities since the international community, through the United Nations arms embargo, also deprives us of the defensive weapons to challenge these helicopters. The consequences of not enforcing the no-fly zone and simultaneously of continuing to apply the arms embargo against our Republic is to implicitly aid the aggression.

We request that the Security Council urgently convene to review why its resolutions are being so selectively implemented and enforced.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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